

Delta Protection Commission
Executive Director's Report
January 23, 2014

Program and Project Update

1. **Delta Habitat Area Initiative (DelHAI)- Clarksburg Japanese Language School:** The Holland Union Gakuen in Clarksburg is one of the only intact pre-World War II Japanese language schools in the State. The property is owned by the Sakata family, who have farmed the area since the early 1900's and are interested in donating the property to a long-term steward for reuse. A design charrette with technical experts and local stakeholders has been identified as the next step to inform future planning and preservation. DPC received grants from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the State Office of Historic Preservation and will be hosting the charrette in partnership with the Delta Conservancy.
2. **Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District:** DPC has reached agreement with DWR on the Scope of Work for the Assessment District study and we are in the process of finalizing the DWR-DPC Interagency Agreement. In addition, DWR is in the process of finalizing its Interagency Agreement with the Delta Stewardship Council on prioritizing state investments in Delta levees. These two efforts will be somewhat linked as they move through their development. We plan to meet with DWR, DSC and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board on February 6 for a kick-off meeting.

Administrative Update

1. **DPC Staffing:** DPC intends to fill one of its vacant positions by hiring a public information officer. This position will consolidate a number of communication-related activities spread among existing DPC staff, including coordinating newsletter and community outreach activities, maintaining the DPC website, and managing press releases and email updates. The position will also enable us to coordinate identification and pursuit of grant funding opportunities, assist with administrative help in the office, and additional staff activities to communicate the efforts of DPC and the interests we serve. In addition to this position, DPC is seeking to fill an additional staff planner vacancy, which may involve additional re-allocation of DPC staff assignments.
2. **Governor's 2014-14 Budget:** The Governor's proposed budget included the funding requested for DPC to update its Land Use and Resource Management Plan (LURMP), and otherwise included stable funding for the upcoming fiscal year.